

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A gas turbine combustor assembly comprising a thermal isolation device having a plurality of substantially flat plates secured in spaced relationship to a plurality of columns, at least one column incorporating a bolt hole, and a bolt extending through the bolt hole and securing the device between a pair of combustor components.

2. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality of substantially flat plates comprises three plates.

3. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality of columns comprises three columns.

4. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 having a height dimension of about 1.5 inches.

5. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of plates has a thickness of about 0.100 inches.

6. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said plates and columns are constructed of stainless steel.

7. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality of plates are each substantially triangular in shape.

8. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality of plates are held in substantially parallel relationship and spaced substantially equally from each other along longitudinal axes of said columns.

9. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said columns are arranged in such a manner that the thermal isolation device can be inserted between the pair of combustor components using existing bolt hole patterns in the combustor components.

10. (Previously Presented) A thermal isolation device for a gas turbine combustor assembly comprising at least discrete three substantially flat and substantially triangular-shaped plates secured in spaced, substantially parallel relationship to at least three columns, that pass through said plates, each column formed with a through-hole adapted to receive a bolt.

11. (Previously Presented) The thermal isolation device of claim 10 having a height dimension of about 1.5 inches.

12. (Previously Presented) The thermal isolation device of claim 10 wherein each of said plurality of plates has a thickness of about 0.100 inches.

13. (Previously Presented) The thermal isolation device of claim 10 wherein said plates and columns are constructed of stainless steel.

14. (Currently Amended) The thermal isolation device of claim 10 wherein said columns each incorporate a bolt holes, and said columns are arranged in such a manner that the thermal isolation device can be inserted between the pair of combustor components using existing bolt hole patterns in the combustor components.